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Churches To Recognize Baptist Men

Thousands of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will recognize their men during special worship services and other programs on the fourth Sunday in January. The day is set aside annually to encourage churches to honor men who are contributing significantly to the life and work of their church. (Brotherhood Commission drawing of Baptist Men's Day Booklet by Roy White.)

How To Get People To Come

Training Union Meetings Set In Every Association

All seventy-six of Mississippi's associations will be involved in a special conference on "How To Get People To Come To Training Union" next week, according to Kermit S. King, Director of the Church Training Department.

This is the prelude to a year of emphasis on church membership training in 1974 proposed by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins in his challenge to the State Convention last November.

This conference is planned for all church-elected church training workers and members of adult training groups. It will center around enlistment procedures for church training and the planning of an enlistment program by those who attend from each church.

The conference content has been prepared by the Mississippi Church Training Department under the leadership of Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work. An "Enlistment Packet" of special materials will be available to churches participating in the conference.

Twenty-one conference leaders have been secured. Five of these are from the Baptist Sunday School Board. Eleven are staff members of the Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi Church Training Departments.

Five are ministers of education or pastors in the state who have had extensive experience in building strong church training programs.

"Nothing we have suggested to associational leaders in recent years has met with such unanimous acceptance."

Man Gives \$480,000, Tithe Of Stock Gain, To Tupelo Church

TUPELO, Miss. (BP) — A Baptist layman who believes in tithing his income gave \$480,000 in stock to the Harrisburg Baptist Church here, indicating it was a tithe of stock gained in recent merger of his company.

Lawrence B. Hancock, 56, head of the Hancock Fabric Stores with chain outlets across the nation, asked that the stock be used in the construction of a new church auditorium.

Pastor of the church, Robert Hamblen, said that Hancock was very modest and "doesn't want any credit or glory. He is a tither, and is just doing what God has taught him to do."

It is not the first such big gift to the church by Hancock, who was born

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Graham Has Three Overseas Crusades In 1973

ATLANTA — Evangelist Billy Graham has three major overseas commitments in 1973, he announced here upon his return from a six week around-the-world trip. He will speak at an interracial evangelism congress in South Africa in March, in Korea in late spring in what may be the largest evangelistic crusade in his career, and in late summer in a first-of-its-kind youth gathering in London.



Photo at left shows street scene in Managua in which the tall modern buildings in the background seem to have withstood the Dec. 23 earthquake better than these small shops and residences. In photo at right, Rene Davila, president of the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention, stands in front of his house in Managua. The doors were jammed in the earthquake, preventing the

In addition, he is scheduled to conduct major evangelistic crusades in four American metropolitan areas next year: Atlanta, Ga.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.; Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; and St. Louis, Mo.

The London engagement, Aug. 27-Sept. 2, was accepted only recently. Graham will deliver several addresses during SPRE-E (Spiritual Re-Emphasis) '73, an event in which 25,000 youth delegates are expected to par-

icipate. The closing meeting will be in Wembley Stadium with an anticipated attendance of 100,000.

The evangelist noted the trip to South Africa will be his first to that nation. He accepted the invitation from sponsors of the South African Congress on Evangelism on condition that the event will be totally integrated, he explained. Graham Crusades have been racially integrated for more than 20 years. If the proper

facilities become available, public rallies may be added to the itinerary while he is in South Africa.

Graham said the Crusade in Korea's capital, Seoul, may be his largest because of the interest which is being expressed. His associate evangelists will preach a week in six other Korean cities in May, and he will address meetings in three of those cities. At the end of the month he will start a series of meetings in Seoul.



Davila family's escape. As the house crumbled about them, a section of the wall gave way, and the family darted through to safety. Davila, who later said he had never doubted the power of prayer, told Clark Scanlon he is now more sure of it than ever. (BP Photos by A. Clark Scanlon)

Southern Baptists Aid Managua Earthquake Victims

By A. Clark Scanlon

MANAGUA (BP) — Exploding firecrackers and Roman candles are the sounds that usually greet Christmas morning in Managua, Nicaragua, but Christmas, 1972, brought sounds of

crackling flames that turned blocks of homes and markets into charred posts and twisted tin.

It brought the sounds of buildings giving way and of wailing in the streets while 5,000 or more people

lay dead under the piles of debris.

By Dec. 23 the world was aware that just after midnight an earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale had convulsed the heart of Managua, Nicaragua's tropical capital city of

nearly 500,000 inhabitants.

By Christmas Eve, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board with Charles W. Bryan, the board's

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Home Board Names 26 Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — A national consultant in "new town" planning, James Hamblen of Columbia, Md., was

among 26 missionaries and missionary associates appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during a board of directors meeting here.

Since 1968, Hamblen has been pastor in Columbia, Md., one of 127 "new towns" throughout the nation. A "new town" is a city, planned from its very beginning to be self-supportive.

As "new town" consultant, Hamblen will represent the board as a member of the interreligious New Communities Coalition of the Joint Strategy and Action Committee (JSAC). He will also be working to provide data concerning relationships with the developers of new towns with other religious groups, alternatives for congregational development and potential forms of ministry in new towns.

Hamblen, a native of Fort Worth, is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He is a former pastor of several Texas churches. He and his wife, Beverly, are missionary associates jointly supported by the board and the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Ten other full missionary appointments were made in addition to two promotions and 12 other missionary associate appointments. They join a missionary force of more than 2,000 working throughout the nation, Puerto Rico and Panama.

Hollis and Eunice Bryant of Calhoun County, Miss., were appointed as missionaries under the joint support of both the Division of Associational Services and the department of church extension of the board and the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Bryant will serve half-time as superintendent of missions and half-time as director of church extension in the Chugach Baptist Association. A graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., he received a masters from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and did additional study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Southwestern Seminary.

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SBC Causes To Receive \$7,316 From The \$23,988 Given Over 1972 State Budget

Southern Baptist Convention causes will receive \$7,316, its proportionate share of the \$23,988 that Mississippi Baptist Convention Board received over and above the 1972 Cooperative Program budget goal of \$4,600,000, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

This action was approved in a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board, Dr. Hudgins added.

The \$7,316 was 30.5% of the "over and above" \$23,988, the same percentage of the 1972 budget that was allocated to SBC causes.

The \$7,316, added to the \$1,403,000 allocated for SBC causes in the 1972 budget, made a grand total of \$1,410,316 given by Mississippi Baptists to SBC causes through the Cooperative Program in 1972.

The evangelist discussed his recent visit to India during a news conference here, noting that his reception in the remote state of Nagaland was one of the greatest of his ministry. No American missionary has lived in Nagaland for eight years, and while in New Delhi Graham discussed with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi the government attitude toward Christian missions.

Some foreign personnel have been expelled after being charged with subversive political activity. Graham said he assured Mrs. Gandhi that the missionary sending agencies with which he was familiar instructed their appointees to avoid political activity in India. He reported that Indian authorities told him the situation was better now. He added that he thought the missionary matter had now "stabilized" there.

Convocation Set For Mid-America Baptist Seminary

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Two executives in work of the Southern Baptist Convention and a highly regarded theologian will highlight program personalities for the February 6 Missionary Day and Formal Convocation at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The special day's program will be held in Olivet Baptist Church, where the Seminary is holding classes until a permanent campus can be built at Maumelle New Town near here.

Dr. Eugene Grubbs, Consultant on

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The Convention President Speaks

Many years ago, we had the Book of Psalms as our January Bible Study. I did my own teaching while I was pastor of the Drew Baptist Church, Drew, Mississippi. One particular Psalm really gripped my heart and I requested a fine church member and friend, Mrs. Curtis Smith, to print a portion of that Psalm in Old English on a plaque for me. She did and since then, I have had it hanging in my office. Part of that scripture reads, "Trust in the Lord and do good... delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart... commit thy way unto the Lord and He shall bring it to pass. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him." The last sentence is the one to which I make reference. "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him."

In a statement issued from the White House in Washington, President Nixon said he welcomed the opportunity to applaud one of the most constructive religious programs in our country.

President Richard Nixon has announced his support of the traditional observance of lay activities in American churches, including Baptist Men's Day on January 28.

"The faith of our fathers within us can best be kept alive when we ask ourselves what each of us can do to make it a part of our own daily living."

Calling attention to the value of Sunday-worship in general, President Nixon said it becomes rewarding "only if we make the effort to apply its principles to practical use in our homes and communities."

The statement was issued at the request of the North American Conference of Men's Work Secretaries which counts Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, among its members.

Hundreds of Southern Baptist churches have been honoring their laymen in a special way since 1950, more recently as part of Baptist Men's Day, observed the fourth Sunday in January each year.

Mormon Growth Rate So High It Has Caused Problems

NEW YORK (RNS) — The president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) said that the phenomenal growth of the church in recent years has made it necessary to begin a comprehensive plan to reorganize some of its structures.

As part of its efforts to improve the coordination and management of its massive worldwide programs, the Mormon Church has appointed a business management expert to serve as a consultant to Church leaders.

Mormon President Harold B. Lee, at a press conference here, announced the appointment of Lee A. Bickmore, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Nabisco, Inc., as the consultant.

Mr. Bickmore, described as a "faithful" Church member, has worked closely with Mormon leaders in the past two years to restructure the complex "internal and external" communications network of the denomination.

"Growth poses the greatest problem for the Mormon Church today — although, we must admit, it is a wonderful problem to have to wrestle with," Mr. Lee said.

The Mormon leader said membership in the U.S. increased 50 per cent in the last 12 years and more than 250 per cent outside the U.S. Worldwide membership for the Mormon Church is now 3 million.

Annuity Board To Meet In Feb.

DALLAS — Significant changes taking place in retirement and pension programs in America will be described to trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board during their annual meeting here Feb. 6-7.

Board president Darold H. Morgan said new Social Security legislation and closer government attention to private pension plans are among these changes.

The Board will also hear reports on improvements in its basic retirement plan for ministers.

The Annuity Board, working with Baptist state conventions and denominational agencies, offers retirement plans and insurance protection to ministers, church employees and workers with denominational agencies.

Two Mississippians serve as trustees of the Annuity Board. They are Claude Anthony, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and Aven Whittington, Grenwood.

"Top 25 Award" Announced By BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP) — The annual "Top 25 Award," acknowledging the 25 churches in the convention most outstanding in Sunday School training for the 1971-72 year, has been announced by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

This award, part of the New Church Study Course, is to recognize churches receiving the highest number of awards for training Sunday School leaders. Subject area 63, Bible Teaching Program, is the specific area for the award in the New Church Study Course.

Trinity Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., number one church with 986 credits, has been number one for four of the last five years.

The remainder of the award winning churches included Calvary Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Miss., which was in eleventh place.



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David Grantham
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C. H. Locklin,
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Th. M. (Honors)

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Vanderhook
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Earn Degrees At New Orleans

Fall graduation exercises were held at New Orleans Seminary on Dec. 16, and 16 students from Mississippi or serving churches in Mississippi were among those receiving degrees. The degrees were presented by Dr. Grady C. Cothen, seminary president, in ceremonies in Roland Q. Leavell Chapel on the seminary campus. In addition to graduates pictured here was another graduate — Gary J. Fagan of Jackson, who received the Th.M. degree, in the Honors Program. He is regional director of Youth for Christ International.

Calvary, Waynesboro Ranks First In State In Bible Teaching Program Participation

Calvary Church, Waynesboro, last year ranked first among Mississippi Baptist Churches in membership participation in the Bible Teaching Program of the New Church Study Course, it was announced recently.

Rev. William B. Raley, pastor, was notified of the award in a letter from Bryant Cummings, Sunday School

Department director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Cummings called the award "a significant honor" and said, "Your people have achieved this award which indicates a willingness to study the Bible." The church ranked sixth in the state in 1971.

Calvary was eleventh among all

participating churches in the entire Southern Baptist Convention, according to Convention Sunday School official, Chester Vaughn. He commended the church for its "significant achievement, representing much hard work during the past year."

Arthur Lee Nored is Sunday School director of the church.

Southern Baptists Aid Managua Earthquake Victims

(Continued from page 1) secretaries for Middle American and the Caribbean, had committed the board to an initial expenditure of \$5,000 for disaster relief. Two weeks later another \$5,000 was appropriated by the board.

Ruben Diaz, president of the Baptist Convention of Guatemala, and I immediately contacted the Nicaraguan Embassy in Guatemala City for permission to take food, which radio announcements declared to be in such short supply.

Pastor Diaz and missionary William W. Stennett worked on purchasing essential foods: 500 pounds of beans, 500 pounds of rice, 300 pounds of sugar, powdered milk and other supplies. Guatemalan Baptist churches contributed bread, lard, two-gallon plastic jugs for water and candles.

Armed with an export permit from the emergency committee of the Guatemalan army, Pastor Diaz and I headed for the border of El Salvador.

On crossing the Salvadoran border, the officials told us we could not take our truck into the country, since we had photostatic copies and not the original papers on it. A superior official finally said that, in view of the situation, we could pass. We felt it was an answer to prayer.

Two hours later we picked up fresh information on the situation in Nicaragua from Roger Valasquez, pastor

of the First Baptist Church of San Salvador. He said it was possible to get into Managua, where Dr. Gustavo A. Parajon, a Baptist physician, was heading an emergency committee of evangelical Christians.

Another two hours took us to the border and into Honduras. A short trip took us through the strip of Honduras that separates El Salvador from Nicaragua. The Nicaraguan flag flew at half-mast in recognition of the national tragedy.

As dark approached we picked up a Honduran Boy Scout on his way to lend emergency service in Nicaragua.

Just after 8:00 we pulled into the colonial city of Leon, about 54 miles from Managua. The tree-lined streets of the entrance seemed quieter than we had expected.

This city already had felt the impact of the refugees. Although its normal population is around 50,000, an estimated 40,000 refugees now were living with friends and relatives.

At the First Baptist Church, a congregation of some 70 members, we found that 12 Baptist families with from five to eight members each had already been located in Leon.

The church held a prayer meeting for them and was trying to find ways of feeding them. We took out some of the rice, beans, corn and milk to leave with Oscar Espino, the pastor.

At 8:00 a.m. the next day we received permission from the army commandant at Leon to enter Managua. An hour and a half later we circled the dry hills that surround Managua. During the last two years Nicaragua has suffered a severe drought that worsened the tragedy because of the already short supply of food.

Traffic picked up as trucks and a few cars entered the outer perimeter of the city. Soldiers in battle dress carried rifles and automatic weapons and had white handkerchiefs over their faces, because of the dust and the smell of decay that was present in the city.

Entering the outskirts of the city, we grasped the magnitude of the destruction gradually because the parks and plazas seemed undisturbed. To the right, an encampment of some 300 blue tents sheltered in the late morning sun.

A few telephones attached to trees offered some communication. Gasoline stations lay with collapsed roofs on pumps as workmen began repairing the structures.

In the city proper we saw soldiers in a command post set up in a park just below the presidential palace. Workers cleared the streets, with picks, shovels and bulldozers.

Many houses were of poor construction, adobe and rock, and my first impression was that only the poorly constructed houses had fallen. Then I noted a curious thing: many times a house seemed to be standing intact but, looking through the windows, you

could see that the house was just a shell.

At the Baptist high school we found a number of trucks and jeeps parked beside the half-destroyed two-story high school building where relief committees were at work.

The one-story elementary school next to it showed only slight effects of the earthquake and had become the center for Baptists and other evangelicals helping the 200,000 people still around Managua.

Heading the committee was Dr. Gustavo A. Parajon, who had seen the destruction of the Baptist hospital where he had been a doctor. He made notes, gave orders, and tried to bring system from chaos.

Under a tin shed nearby, some elderly women rested on cots out of the burning tropical sun. In the side of the school a temporary kitchen had been set up.

As we unloaded the sacks of food, we found that even the water we brought was welcome. The workers, who had been depending on two barrels of water a day that some Mennonites had been bringing to the

school, immediately filled their five-gallon jugs.

My impression was: here is order in the midst of chaos. Here is a willingness to work and help others in the midst of tragedy.

Pickup Trucks Rolled In

Soon two pickup trucks rolled in from Costa Rica. In one were Laverne Gregory, a Southern Baptist missionary, and Guido Picado, evangelism director for Costa Rican Baptists.

Missionary Hugh Smith of the American Baptist Churches, serving as executive minister of Nicaraguan Baptists, appeared at the door of the school. He is finding Baptists throughout the country and putting them back in contact with churches.

Dr. Parajon was asked what was needed. He replied, "Nicaragua already had needs because of the drought. Now suddenly a city of 400,000 to 500,000 is destroyed."

"The markets burned. People are without jobs. Some 200,000 still are living around Managua. Another 300,000 have left. This represents nearly one-third of the population of the country."

"Nutritionists calculate that people need a pound of food a day," Dr. Parajon continued. "That will represent 500,000 pounds of food a day. If Baptists can take care of their own with food, tents and medicine, we will have accomplished a great thing."

"I hope to ask the government for a barrio (a neighborhood) where we as evangelical Christians can supply their needs as a testimony in the name of Christ."

EDITOR'S NOTE: A. Clark Scanlon, a Southern Baptist missionary, is the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Middle America.

'Win' Conferees Win Taxi Driver

AMMAN, Jordan — A taxi driver became the 22nd person to profess faith in Christ after hearing the testimonies of participants in a WIN (Witness Involvement Now) conference here.

The driver heard the conversation of some passengers while he was out witnessing on the fourth night of the conference. He stopped his car, talked with his passengers awhile, and accepted Christ as his Savior.

As a result of 16 visits by groups of witnesses around the city that evening, 21 persons made professions of faith in Christ. "Others who made no commitment showed a sincere interest," Southern Baptist missionary Alta Lee Lovegren reported. All the groups were treated courteously; she added.

All Baptist churches and preaching points in Jordan were represented in the conference, which lasted several days.



Plaque To Miss Madison

AT A RECENT MEETING of the state Sunday School secretaries and associates in Nashville, Miss. Carolyn Madison retiring pre-school worker in the Sunday School department in Mississippi, receives a plaque from A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, as recognition for her years of service in Sunday School work.



Pastor Jerry Odum reports that the day will be known as Super Sunday! "We all know that the sports world has one each year about this time, so we decided to have one which will call attention to God."

Super Sunday will actually be the "kick off" for the church's First Annual January Bible Conference, January 28-31. Preacher and teacher for the event will be the illustrious pastor (now retired) of First Church, New Orleans, Dr. J. D. Grey.

Sunday's services will begin at 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the services begin at 7 p.m. Provisions for all age groups have been made. The church is located just north of Jackson between Interstate 55 North and Highway 51 North. For more information, call 856-6139.

During the week Dr. Grey (pictured) will appear on the "Coffee With Judy" T.V. show on Channel 3, Monday, January 29, at 9 a.m. The same day, from 2-4 p.m. Dr. Grey will be at the Lifeway Book Store in the Jackson Mall shopping center. On Wednesday, January 31, he will speak to the Downtown Kiwanis Club at the Heidelberg Hotel at 12 noon.



Baptist Hospital Trustees Meet, Name New Officers

The Hospital Trustees are, seated, left to right: T. Harvey Hedgepath, hospital attorney; Zach T. Hederman; J. W. Underwood; Paul G. Moak; Rev. James Yates. Standing: Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator; W. R.

Newman; W. P. McMullan, Jr.; Sidney Davis; Rev. Vernon May; Ray Grillot; E. O. Spencer; Dr. W. W. Causey; Marvin Collum. Not pictured: H. B. Duckworth, Rev. Joel Haire and Dr. G. Swink Hicks.

Home Board Names 26 Missionaries

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Promoted from missionary associate to full missionary status, Samuel and Lola Simpson, native of Jamaica, West Indies, are serving in the Metro New York Association, Bronx, N. Y., where he is pastor-director of the Bronx Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Northeastern Bible College, Essex Falls, N. J., and attended Biblical Theological and Union Seminaries in New York.

Appointed as missionary associates were John Campbell, Louisville; Jim Fugate, Huntington, W. Va.; Richard and Dorothy Johnson, Fredericksburg, Va.; Richard and Anne Kirgan, Toledo Bend, Tex.; Cornel and Julianne Pascu, New York City; Michael and Loretta Rector, Columbus, Ohio; and Manuel and Emma Salinas, Ulysses, Kan.

Funds Needed For Appointments

Enlistment of mission volunteers is no longer the greatest mission problem. Rather, the shortage of monetary mission support keeps volunteers from being placed, Cecil Etheredge, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board

missionary personnel secretary said here.

"In the decade of the 70s the appointment of new home missionaries should have high priority; however, the basic need is no longer enlistment, but increased mission support," he stressed.

During 1972, the board made 366 new appointments, 36 fewer than 1971. Although the number of career missionaries appointed increased by 13 and the missionary associates increased by three, the number of US-2s dropped from 39 to 27. Another big drop was the number of mission pastors receiving pastoral aid, from 140 to 96.

The drops were not for lack of interest. More than 100 young college or seminary graduates applied for the US-2 program for 1972, volunteering to spend two years either beginning new work or continuing work on the mission field. It was the highest number of applicants ever.

Volunteers in all areas of home mission work far exceeded the monetary support making new appointments possible, according to Etheredge.

"Our primary frustration relates to appointment, not recruitment," he said. "How do you realistically encourage candidates for appointment, not knowing if and when funds will be available?"

Although the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering topped its \$6 million goal and set an all-time record costs were also rising, Etheredge said.

At the end of 1972 there was a joint increase of \$782,611 over the previous year from the Easter Offering and the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget.

However, there was also a much-needed salary increase granted to missionaries, and an increase in the cost of group insurance, paid for missionaries and their families by the board. Thus salary increases and increased cost of group insurance, totaling \$572,470, accounted for 60 percent of the combined increase from gifts, he added.

During 1972 the total number of missionaries dropped from 2,237 in 1971 to 2,208. However, 155 mission volunteers qualified as mission pastors and home missionaries, but were unable to be placed on the field because of lack of funds.

F. J. Redford, secretary of church extension for the board, said his department hopes to begin Southern Baptist work in two state capitals Augusta, Marine and Concord, N. H. When work is begun in these state capitals, Southern Baptists will have some type of ministry in each capital.

The department also hopes to increase pastoral aid to the more than 400 pastors in pioneer areas now receiving financial assistance as well as the number of pioneer mission pastors.

"Reflecting on Southern Baptists' history, we have consistently concerned ourselves with missions," Etheredge said. "All too often our prayers were only for the missionaries 'over there.' As evidence of our prayers, God blessed the missions on the foreign field."

"But though we dare not minimize the need for missionaries in countries all over the world we are now coming to see the United States as one of the most fertile mission fields in the world," Etheredge concluded.



NEW TOWN SPECIALIST—James Hamblen, second from right, was among 26 missionaries and missionary associates appointed by the Home Mission Board recently. Appointed with his wife as missionary associates, Hamblen, pastor in Columbia, Md., will serve as a national consultant in new town planning. Here Hamblen talks with Roy Frisham, far left, executive secretary of the Maryland Baptist Convention, John Saunders, Brotherhood consultant for Maryland, and Warren Rust, far right, HMB metropolitan missions director. (Home Board Photo by Everett Hullum)

How To Get People To Come To Training Union Conference

7:00 P. M.

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2, 1973

"AN ASSOCIATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENLISTMENT"

Who Should Attend

All church elected church training workers and members of adult training groups.

Content

Content for each conference has been prepared by Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work, Mississippi Church Training Department. A special "Enlistment Packet" will be available at the conference for each church represented. This packet is for conference use and will be available only by attending the conference.

7:00 P. M.



Planned by Associational Church Training Directors and Superintendents of Missions with the full cooperation and support of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Mardi Gras Crusade Planned

In keeping with the season, the Student Body Association of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is preparing for its annual Mardi Gras Crusade in an attempt to confront thousands of revelers with the message of Christ.

In anticipation of the March 6 super-event in New Orleans, the SBA has added some new techniques to this year's campaign for Christ, including gospel doubloons and copies of John's Gospel.

These will be handed out, along with special Mardi Gras tracts, to literally thousands of people. They will

also be given a phone number and an address for further information and assistance.

The Mardi Gras Crusade has only been an official project of the seminary student body for a few years, but is an outgrowth of a much older tradition among seminary students.

New Orleans students, like others, have long been aware of the atmosphere of fun, excitement and permissiveness which marks the gala event. During this season, moral restraint is at a very low ebb, and millions of dollars worth of alcoholic beverages are consumed. The students see this as an opportunity for Christian concern, involvement and ministry.

Since such an undertaking is quite



Retired Music Profs

RETIRED MUSIC PROFESSORS Edwin McNeely (left), Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, and Inman Johnson, Southern Seminary, Louisville, are holding plaques presented to them by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for outstanding contributions to the church music scene among Southern Baptists. The awards were made at the state music secretaries' annual meeting, held recently in Nashville.



Prisoners Reunite

Herbert Caudill (left) congratulates J. David Fite who received the Doctor of Theology degree at Southwestern Seminary during winter commencement. Caudill and Fite were missionaries to Cuba in 1965 when they were arrested and imprisoned for 42 months. Upon their release, Fite enrolled in the seminary to begin doctoral work, and is presently serving as director of Southwestern's continuing education program. Caudill, Fite's father-in-law, is retired and living in Georgia.

Some folks don't look up until they are flat on their backs.

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

The one thing worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

Every person ought to go to church to get away from himself.

Two marks of a Christian, —Giving and for-giving.

Man Gives \$480,000 --

(Continued from page 1) in a log cabin and grew up in New Albany, Miss.

Two years ago, he contributed \$350,000 to build a recreation center at the church called the "Family Life Center." His gift paid for the entire building.

The more recent contribution of \$480,000 in stock is more than the entire church budget for one year.

Describing him as a "good church member," Hamblen said Hancock "has recognized that the Lord has blessed him, and he has tried to honor the Lord with his tithes."

Hancock has been a deacon for several years, and is a former chairman of the church's finance committee. His entire family is active in the church, the pastor said.

The new auditorium his gift will finance is slated for construction next fall, with completion in about two years.

Until the funds are needed for the construction, dividends amounting to about \$15,000 a year will be used to benefit Baptist missions work in Montana and Oregon, Hamblen said.

"It's an inspiring thing," the pastor commented. "It inspires me as much as anything I've ever seen in my years in the ministry," he added.

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EDITORIAL

Unlimited Manpower—If—

Southern Baptists have a reservoir of almost unlimited manpower—available for use in making the mightiest advances in kingdom affairs, that any denomination ever has known—if! If what? Let us consider the reservoir, before we look at the "if."

The reservoir of unlimited manpower actually is just that...it is "man" power. It is difficult to find an accurate estimate on the number of men who are listed on the books of Southern Baptist churches.

In a news release just received from the Brotherhood Commission, there is an "estimate" of 2,750,000 men who are not now a part of organized Baptist Men's groups, "and not now reading mission periodicals." Add to this a possible 200,000 to 250,000 men who are in the Brotherhood, would give us about 3,000,000. To say that this is the "man-power" of Southern Baptists would be only a guess...but perhaps it is an "educated guess," so let's use it. That is one out of each four Southern Baptists so perhaps it is somewhere near correct. At least it is a figure with which to work as we consider "man-power."

Think of three million men as a potential for service in our Lord's kingdom, through Southern Baptist churches.

That is more men than all of the Baptists in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida. This is more men than there are people in any city in the U.S. except New York or Chicago, and it is nearly as many as are in Chicago. More men than people in Los Angeles, two and one half Houstons, two Detroits, or three "Greater Atlanta's. If you have tried to drive in one of these cities lately, you will realize that this is "MANPOWER."

One can only guess at what this mighty group of men could mean to the kingdom of God, if every one of them were fully enlisted, trained and utilized in the church program.

Of course, hundreds of thousands of them (and it probably is far above a million) are giving dedicated service to the Lord's work. They are deacons, teachers, workers on committees and in other ways, who help make our churches go. They are the tithees, the men of prayer, the lay witnesses who are doing so much in making the spread of the kingdom and the strengthening of the churches possible. They serve on church and denominational boards and committees. We are not in any way discounting the place of women and youth in the church life, when we call attention to what these men are doing. All are needed in a great

program for our Lord. Despite all of this, we cannot but think of the potential of the mighty force of men who are not fully enlisted.

We think of their strength in the business, the financial, the educational, professional, the political and other worlds where they serve. If the talents and abilities which make them successful in other areas were also used to undergird the church and its work, the results would be spectacular. Of course, we know that many of these men are just average men who work as laborers, farmers, clerks, and in many other ordinary positions. They, too, have a mighty potential for building the work of God.

Suppose every one of these three million men, whatever his age, and whatever his station in life, were enlisted to dedicated service and support for the church.

Suppose that every one of them were led to become spirit filled;

Suppose that every one of them became mighty in prayer;

Suppose that every one of them were enlisted to use his ability and training in church programs, Sunday school building, etc;

Suppose that every one were trained in personal soul winning, and lay witnessing;

Suppose that every one of them became tither, bringing to God a tenth and even more of the income which God has given him;

Suppose that every one of them became interested in evangelism, in missions, in Christian education, in benevolent programs, and in all of the other ministries of the churches and the denomination;

Just suppose!

If it should happen to Southern Baptists, I think that we could sing the old song, "Like a mighty army, moves the church of God..." with a new meaning and a new power.

Next Sunday is Baptist Men's Day in Southern Baptist churches. We hope that in every church recognition will be given of the place of the men, and a challenge will be presented to them.

We believe that they are ready to help the churches do mighty things for God. They will do it IF we are ready to challenge them and lead them.

Let's give them a chance to do it! This is the call to pastors and other church and denominational leaders now!

We have unlimited manpower if...!



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A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

*Wilda Fancher

It rarely ever is possible to say that one specific thing is the most important thing, but surely it is possible to say that being hopeful is always right up there with whatever else is considered important.

The word hope came into our language a long time ago. Its Old English form *hopian* came from the French language. It changed its form during the Middle English period to *hopen*. In our modern English period its form is *hope*.

While its form changed through the years, its meaning did not. When I say today, "I hope," it means essentially the same for me as it did for the Englishman whose name is a limb—or root—or my family tree to say, around the year 700, "Hopian."

Hope, as a verb, bears a dictionary definition something like this: to desire, wish, or want with the expectation of fulfillment. As a noun it means "confident expectation." A lot of lovely words are involved in it—expectancy, trust, confidence, reliance, faith, belief, assurance, security, reassurance, encouragement, prospect, and others.

Of all the hopes in the world, the greatest is the Christian hope for an eternal presence with God. Such lies beyond the weak arm of humanity, but God did not have to stretch a muscle to arrange it. Thinking of the cessation of physical breath need not send us up the wall—give us a few butterflies, maybe—but the hope for a place where all good things exists without the presence of evil is great.

But, before we get there, Christian hope is a stabilizing factor beyond equal. Acceptance of the fact of raw evils and exposure to their practice are often depressing experiences for people just entering adulthood. Christian hope involves faith to catch hold of a strength outside the young person not only to resist the personal temptation of the evil but to know that every evil lies within God's power to forgive and correct, if forgiveness and correction by His help are desired.

He said, "Be of good hope (cheer)—I have overcome the world." In so saying, He implied that we are to use our hope in Him to overcome the things which would rob our lives of the joy He means for us to have—both now and later. —Box 9151, Jackson 39206

EDUCATION....what's happening

"Freedom is the right to be able to choose the line of greatest advantage, instead of the path of least resistance."

We are giving our children cut flowers, where we should be teaching them to grow their own plants."

"The question isn't 'Can we teach students to think for themselves?' but 'Do we want students to think for themselves?'

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(Editor's note: We suggest that anyone having information concerning this family, or knowing a source of such information, write direct to Mrs. Miles in Dallas. We feel sure that somewhere among our readers there should be someone who can help.)

On Keeping The

Sabbath Day

Dear Editor:

When God Almighty ordained "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," He did not add "unless the legislature decides otherwise."

Charles G. Hamilton

Aberdeen, Mississippi

former Floor Leader,

Mississippi House of Representatives

On The MORAL SCENE...

Pipeline to Congress — If you take the time to express your views in a letter to your senator or representative in Washington, you'll be doing a favor for him as well as yourself. Members of Congress depend on the letters they receive from their constituents to reveal what the people they represent think about certain issues. As the press of duty keeps government representatives in the nation's capital for more extended period of time, the letters of opinion become increasingly important. More than once a member of Congress has voted on a particular issue in accordance with a single letter he received expressing a constituent's opinion. Tips: Write on your personal or business letterhead and always type your name below your signed signature. Include your return address on the letter itself as well as the envelope. Be clear about your subject, giving the exact name of the legislation in which you are interested. Give the House or Senate bill number, if you know it. State exactly why you are writing. Depend on your personal experience as your best evidence explaining how the issue at hand will affect yourself, your family, your job or profession or your community. Don't use a "form letter." And remember, no threats. If you threaten to base your next vote on the outcome of the legislation, you won't help your cause. Ask your representative to state his position in a written reply to you. Be sure to write your letter in plenty of time, preferably while a given bill is still in committee. This allows your representative to be more responsive to your wishes than he might be after the bill is passed from committee. If the letter helps produce the vote you wanted, be sure to express your thanks. But if the outcome disappoints you, don't hesitate to let your representative know. Either way, he'll remember your name.

(From Everybody's Money, Summer '72)

"Why I Am A Baptist"

(Review by Chester E. Swor)

I am still another reader of Why I AM A Baptist who is grateful to Dr. J. Odle for producing this very helpful work. It is my feeling that the book has placed within the reach of all Baptists who have opportunity to share information concerning our denomination so much vital, clear, attractive information.

Several times on college campuses and elsewhere, non-Baptist religious directors and leaders have said to me somewhat in humor, "Dr. Swor, you, Baptists have more enthusiasm than any other group on campus or in the community, but so many of your folks seem awkward and ambiguous when we ask them why they are Baptists." For Baptists on campus and elsewhere, Why I AM A Baptist now provides answers in a clear, concise, and attractive manner.

All four sections of the book are excellent, but I want to stress particularly my appreciation of the division, "Baptist Distinctives." These distinctives are presented not in a sense of "our superiority to other Christian groups," but in a non-bragging, helpful presentation of the strengths which distinguish our denomination. All of us who are Baptists need to cherish those traits which have brought strength and continuity to our denomination's life.

I am grateful for Dr. Odle's contribution in his excellent book, Why I AM A Baptist.

NEWEST BOOKS

Book Dares Pastors To Look At Themselves

"PREACHER, YOU'RE THE BEST PASTURE WE'VE EVER HAD!" by Joe Johnson (Broadman, 96 pp., paper, \$1.95) Do pastors dare look at themselves as they really are, or as others see them? Do they have the sense of humor to be able to laugh even at themselves? If they have not done the first, and cannot do the latter, they might be a little bit surprised if they knew the truth. Joe Johnson, who is a former Mississippian, tries to help preachers to see that some things about their ministry are amusing. He also shows that there are some problems so serious that laughing may hurt a little. As he laughs at himself and at his ministry, and at the ministry of some others, Mr. Johnson helps the rest of us to relax a little, and to dare to look closer at ourselves. Doing this might be helpful to many of us. The author leads preachers to look at their lives, their sermons, their conduct of services (misconduct?), church administration, staff relationships, visitation, etc. The book is delightfully written, and you will get numerous laughs, but, also, it might just do you some good.

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S?" by Joyce Blackburn (Word Books, 160 pp., \$4.95) Good friend of Eugenia Rice, the author lives on St. Simons Island, Georgia, an island almost surrounded by marshes. When a powerful conglomerate planned to mine the marshes for phosphate, Miss Blackburn and her neighbors faced an ecological crisis. They acted quickly, and the marshes were saved. Because the environmental problem in her neighborhood is in some inexplicable way connected with all other neighborhoods, Miss Blackburn felt an overwhelming urgency to testify to her own experience in this crisis, and the consequences of her response. In this exciting book she describes in dynamic detail the expansion of her awareness of the threat of Earth's ecological crisis and argues with compelling logic that every person—every Christian—has both the opportunity and responsibility to act. The book is humorous, witty, practical, and timely.

"RAGS, TAGS, AND GENTLE TEARS" by Billie Pate (Broadman, paper) Poise poems; insights for youth—and adults who care. Design and art by Doris Mae Adams.

"QUIZ BOOK ON THE BIBLE" by Arthur W. Kelly (Baker, 142 pp., \$1.50) These quizzes cover the entire Bible, book by book.

"BIBLE PEOPLE IN CROSSWORD PUZZLES" by Lucile Pettigrew Johnson (Baker, paper 75 cents) Twenty puzzles based on men and women of the Bible.

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Simmons of Mississippi, parents of Mrs. Jerry A. Rankin, missionary to Indonesia, were involved in an auto accident south of Jackson, Miss., on Dec. 29. Mr. Simmons died following the accident; a funeral service was held Dec. 31 in Brookhaven, Miss. Mrs. Simmons was admitted to Hinds General Hospital, Jackson. Her condition was first listed as critical but later changed to "pretty good." Mrs. Rankin, the former Bobbye Simmons, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss. Her husband is a native of Mississippi.

Rev. W. Martin Smith, who retired as pastor of North Carrollton Church in October, 1972, after a ministry of approximately twenty years there, and who elected to remain in North Carrollton and built a new home there, has been named pastor emeritus of the North Carrollton Church. Rev. Robert A. Hutcherson is pastor.



C. D. Hood was licensed on January 10 to the gospel ministry by Trinity Church, Fulton. He is pictured above receiving the certificate of license from Rev. Horace Thomas, pastor of Trinity.

R. F. (Sam) Simmons was recently licensed to preach by the First Church, Jeff Davis County. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Simmons of Magnolia, and is married to the former Louise McInnis of Mt. Olive. Sam, a military retiree, plans to attend Clarke College this summer. He is available for supply work and other preaching engagements.

Rev. Zeno Wells on January 1, 1973, celebrated his fifth anniversary as superintendent of missions for Jackson County Association. The January issue of the county's "Baptist News" is dedicated to him. Under his leadership three mission chapels have been begun; two mission sites purchased; one mobile home for a chapel has been bought; four chapels have been organized into churches; and a new office building for the association has been built debt-free. There are 39 churches in the association.

Thurman W. Allred, former director of missions for North Carolina's Cabarrus Baptist Association, has been named pastoral ministries consultant in the church administration department at the Sunday School Board, Nashville. His work will relate primarily to the nearly 1,200 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention. Allred will be involved in providing information about the program resources of the Sunday School Board to superintendents of missions throughout the convention, states Howard Foshee, secretary of the church administration department.



First Church, Fulton recently granted licenses to preach to two young men. Both men made their call from God known at the close of a Sunday evening service. The pastor, Rev. Fred Chancellor, presented the certificates. Top photo above, Pastor Chancellor is pictured with Angus Murdoch McIntosh. Bottom photo to the right is shown with Adolph Arnold Panerati, chairman of the church administration department.

Retired Couple Find Joy As Lay Workers Overseas

By J. Gordon Harris III

BAGUIO, Philippines — What can a banker and his wife who have been active in their church do with the extra opportunities of retirement? Many would be content to vacation from spiritual and business responsibilities. But that was not the desire of the J. Carey Moores of Portland, Oregon. Instead, they began a short term as lay workers with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in the Philippines.

Moore serves as business manager of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio, while his wife is dean of women. They have had no time to be bored as a whole new world has opened up for them. Their term of service is to last nine months.

The Moores arrived in the Philippines last summer, just before disastrous floods covered much of central Luzon Island and caused a series of landslides in Baguio. They worked alongside Filipino church members and missionaries to aid the distressed. They provided water, food and clothing for the dispossessed. They provided water, food and clothing for the dispossessed. Though the Moores receive no salary for their work, they gave generously to help others.

The work in Baguio has been far from a vacation. Moore, a retired bank executive, has had the responsibility of supervising repair of the immense rain damage to the seminary campus. Now that the rainy season has ended, he also is faced with the eternal Baguio problem of acquiring water for the seminary. As if this were too small a task, he is working to improve the bookkeeping systems of the seminary and the Baguio missionary accounts.

Mrs. Moore has continued to be an active promoter of the Women's Missionary Union as she was in Oregon. She has helped organize Women's Missionary Societies in two churches, Aurora Hill and Calvary, and the WMU of the Higher Ground Association. She has been a welcome confidante for students and the women of the Baguio churches.

These retirees have found enjoyment through their deep relationships with the missionaries, students and Philippine Christians. "No one can understand missions until they live and work on a mission field," they have said. "Every devoted Christian in the United States should experience such joy."

Enjoyment for the Moores has sprung also from the new vision of missions they already have been able to give their friends in the United States. Many churches are sending money and sweaters for the sick and homeless in the Philippines. Joy, for the Moores, is being able to witness about their Christ to people in a foreign country, and in their homeland.

Southside, Columbus, Is Now Debtfree

Southside Church of Columbus recently observed a "Praise and Thanksgiving" Day. There was a note-burning service at the morning hour with the deacons and pastor participating. Lunch was served at the church for a time of fellowship and rejoicing together, followed by singing in the afternoon which featured the singing group, The Columbians. Rev. John L. Cook, Jr., pastor, says of the occasion: "This is our day of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for leading us on to the retirement of our debt on all church property (both the church plant and the parsonage). To God be the glory! This means that we MUST now set new goals and meet new challenges."

Mr. Cook has recently completed his fourteenth year as pastor of Southside Church, having gone to Columbus in December, 1958. The members of the church in December presented the pastor and Mrs. Cook a new refrigerator-freezer for their home; and two families of the church together gave them a colored television console.

During the past year, two new deacons have been ordained, John Wierengo of the MSCW faculty, and Edwin Fulton, retired Serviceman and now heavy equipment operator in the Columbus area.

Pastor Cook is now currently serving as state Board member of the Lowndes Association.

A good boss is a guy who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.

There was no room for Christ in the inn; have you room for Him in your heart?

What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for others?

Second Lifeway Store Will Open

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — A new Lifeway store, the second of its kind and part of a Southern Baptist book store channel to the general public, is scheduled to open the first weekend in March at Crabtree Valley Mall, Raleigh, N. C.

The first store was opened August 1972, in Jackson, Miss.

As part of the pilot project being conducted by the Book Store Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, this store will be one of more than 125 retail outlets in the largest shopping complex between Washington, and Atlanta. The new store will contain approximately 2,200 square feet.

The Lifeway symbol, a figure of a man in a red triangle, will be used extensively in the store's design and decor.

"The original Lifeway concept grew out of the belief that Baptists need to have book stores for the general

public located near the busiest street in town," explained W. O. Thomason, director of the board's Book Store Division. "Crabtree Valley Mall is certainly one of the busiest places in this area."

According to Thomason, the store will carry Bibles, books, cards, music, records, musical instruments and gifts. The merchandise carried by these stores includes a selected inventory designed to help people with daily problems, help them grow, help them enjoy a quality way of life, and help them as they help others find a better way of life.

Thomason also pointed out that although Lifeway stores are for the general public, the merchandise is unapologetically Christian. He emphasized there is no effort to diminish the mission of the Baptist Book Stores. However, it is an effort to reach more people with the Christian message through merchandising.

"We are very pleased with the success of Lifeway," said Thomason. "The response has been good. Sev-

eral letters from across the United States have come to us asking that a Lifeway be put in certain cities. We are anxious to see what the response in Raleigh will be."

It was a red letter day for many Christians in Cuba late in 1972 when the government granted a special permit to the United Bible Societies to send 2,500 Spanish Bibles into that country. They were quickly distributed among representatives of 35 to 40 denominations. The United Bible Societies is a fellowship of 55 national Bible Societies, of which the American Bible Society is one, with work in more than 150 countries and territories.

William Tyndale's New Testament, the first printed English Scripture, appeared in 1525 and was followed in 1530-31 by part of the Old Testament. Tyndale was working on further translation and revision of the Old Testament when he was strangled in 1536 for such a "heretical act" as translating the Scriptures into the vernacular.

Religious Education Association To Meet Feb. 22-24, Biloxi

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Association will meet February 22-24 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at the Rountowner Motel in Biloxi.

Grady Wilson, Billy Graham associate, and Robert E. Birmingham, noted author of "Cup of Cold Water, New Ways of Teaching the Old Story, Serving With the Saints, and Vital Principles of Religious Education" are two of the outstanding program personalities.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday. Pastors are given a special invitation to attend Saturday morning as the theme of "Mass Evangelism" will be developed by Dr. Grady Wilson. Those planning to attend should make reservations directly with the motel.

Mississippi WMU To Sponsor Retreat For Young Couples

A retreat for young married couples will be held at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, March 3. The one-day retreat, sponsored by Mississippi WMU, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The program fea-

ture will include Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hollifield, missionaries to Italy; Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Stamps, missionaries to Ecuador; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Barron, missionaries to Indonesia; Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Davis,



missionaries to Ghana; and Dr. Don Stewart, professor of religion and philosophy, William Carey College, who will lead the Bible Study.

The cost of the retreat will be \$5.00 per couple which includes the noon meal and a \$2.00 registration fee. A

nursery and pre-school child care will be provided. The cost will be \$1.00 per child which includes the noon meal. Mail registration fee of \$2.00 per couple to Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. Registration deadline is March 2.

ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

Your Right To Know

By
Derald H. Morgan



On March 1, Derald H. Morgan begins his third year with the Annuity Board. This is the first in a series of informal reports he plans to give on the Annuity Board, the agency designated to administer the retirement and insurance programs for ministers and employees in Southern Baptist churches and agencies.

As a business, our investment performance was good enough to provide another double "13th Check" (16.67 per cent of the annual benefit) to those people who get retirement benefits.

As a ministry, one 92-year-old said it best: "I have had the joy of serving the Lord until I was 90. Then the people began to think I was too old. We are so thankful for our annuity and what the '13th Check' means. It means a lot."

As a business, we were able to share with about 6,000 of our retired persons another six per cent increase in monthly benefits as of January 1. One retired person wrote: "I am conscious and aware that every monthly check is more than the original contract promised. Thank God for your ministry."

Several crises have been faced with our insurance program for churches as we strived to stabilize it. More will be said specifically about this in a later report, when we can report also on early results of our efforts.

Also, the Seminary Student Insurance Program was expanded; a 10 per cent credit was added as of January 1 to all accrued retirement credits for many plans; and some new benefits for Plan A were recommended to all state conventions.

More will be said in the next report concerning these new benefits and what they mean to the members.

Meanwhile, if you have any question concerning this ministry, write me. I'll see that you get an answer as quickly as possible. All of us at the Annuity Board are trying our best "to serve those who serve the Lord."



From the Board's point of view, we see progress being made in strategic services. On the surface, the results may look business, but underneath they are ministry.

Initial Youth Bible Conference Is Planned At Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE — More than 400 high school youth are expected to attend the first Youth Bible Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, April 16-20, 1973.

The conference, sponsored by the youth section, Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is open to high school sophomores, juniors or seniors and adults who work with youth.

Bible study areas for the conference are in the book of Mark, chapters 11-16, dealing with atonement, incarnation, the world into which Jesus came, human relationships and human sexuality.

Representatives will be present from Belmont College, Nashville; Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., to give students an opportunity to learn about colleges where they might attend.

Worship leader for the conference is Carl Mays, associated minister, First Baptist Church, Gatlinburg, Tenn., and author of a number of plays. The Thursday evening worship service will be led by the Christian

Student Movement, from Mars Hill College.

The Eleven Reasons from Belmont College and The Damascus Road Group from Mars Hill College will each give a concert during the week.

Leaders of the individual conferences are: Jim Temples, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.; Jim Simpson, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, N.C.; Mike Collins, youth associate, Sunday School department, Florida Baptist Convention; Gratten Tomlinson, youth associate, Sunday School department, South Carolina Baptist Convention; and Don Dillingham, minister of education, Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville.

Other conference leaders are Joe Mason, minister of youth, First Baptist Church, Nashville; and Phyllis Godwin, homemaker and youth Sunday School writer, Hendersonville, Tenn. All of the workers in the youth section of the Sunday School department at the Sunday School Board also will be leading individual conferences.

A special leadership conference led by Miss Myrtle Veach, consultant in

the youth section at the Sunday School Board, is planned for adults who attend but no provisions will be made for any other age-group.

Neil Jackson, consultant in the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board, will be in charge of the recreation for the week.



"His Place" Open

If Itta Bena

His Place is a youth building sponsored by First, Itta Bena. Activities are offered, such as ping pong, pool, tennis, and basketball. Also provided are a game room, black light room, sitting room, prayer room, and kitchen.

Much of His Place was furnished through love gifts. "His Place seeks to minister to the social and spiritual needs of young people. Since September, the crowds have grown continuously. His Place has served as a place for young people to meet Jesus and to make new friends. There have been several decisions made, and the Lord continues to bless the ministry," states Danny White, minister of music and youth. Rev. Donald R. Toomey is pastor.

Youth Choir In Israel

Jerusalem — An hour-long tape recording by a Baptist youth choir has been broadcast by the Israeli broadcasting authority as the monthly radio program of "Song and Worship for the Christian Community." The choir, called the Revelation Singers, is made up of 35 high school students from throughout Israel. Southern Baptist missionary Martha Murphrey led the group in singing Otis Skilling's musical, "Life." Ted Mashburn of Bay Minette, Ala., missionary journeyman stationed in Nazareth, sang contemporary folk songs and accompanied himself on the guitar. Mrs. Murphrey also sang a selection of Negro spirituals, accompanied by Jeremy Brown, an English pianist. The choir, with its piano, percussion instruments and electric guitars, has performed in schools, churches and kibbutzim throughout the country.

Korean Students

TAEJON, Korea — Three hundred students at a school for noncommissioned officers were expected to view two evangelistic films shown by Southern Baptist missionary Rolla M. Bradley. When he arrived at the school, Bradley learned that two showings had been scheduled. A chaplain's assistant later reported that 1,560 men viewed the films. Of this number, 284 filled out decision cards saying that they were accepting Christ as Savior. Each will receive a personal letter of encouragement. In addition, their parents will receive form letters urging them also to accept Christ, says Bradley. Other letters will be sent to the nearest Baptist church in the areas where the parents live, or to a Protestant church if no Baptist church is near.

For five days and four nights there were activities suited to everyone's needs and wants. There were concerts: Gene Cotton, Nashville, Tenn., singer and songwriter; Triple Sounds, triplets from Oklahoma Baptist University named Darrel, Harold and Gerald Ware; a Talent Show, performed by individual youth; and a Special Groups Show which consisted of music presented by church groups who were at the celebration.

Two workshops were held over consecutive days. They were called "Share Your Faith" and "Creative" workshops. A drama, "Celebration: A Writer-in Search of a Play," written by Carl Mays, was premiered by his church group from Gatlinburg, Tenn. "The Searcher," a musical written by Richard Milham, pastor of Powers Drive Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., was performed by youth selected through auditions.

Worship services were creative and appealed to the youth. Ron Wil-

lis, street minister for First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Tex., conducted two sunrise worship services. A unique Christian experience, entitled "Celebration, 2001: Experimental Worship," was conducted by Bob Taylor and Larry Yarbrough, both of the board's church training department. There was also a "Midnight Celebration" which involved worship through youth presentations taken from the creative workshops.

In between the worship services workshops and performances, the youth managed to watch daily films and to participate in small area sports, such as ping pong, billiards and table games. In addition to all this, there was snow and lots of it. The arrival of the snow made a success of the Winter Sports Olympia featuring snowball fights, sleigh races and contests for the World's Largest Snowman.

It all happened at Glorieta. Together,

Public Service Films Available

Free From N. Y.

An estimated 45,000 accident victims die or are permanently disabled each year. The reasons and efforts undertaken to prevent these tragedies are dramatically explored in a 16mm sound, 28-minute, color film titled, "Before The Emergency."

One of the many environmental problems which faces us today is noise pollution. The different aspects of this subject are thoroughly explored in a 16mm sound, 14½-minute, color motion picture titled "To Conserve and Protect."

New and innovative ways of organizing and delivering proper health care to every American are explored in a new 16mm 28-minute film titled "Where It Hurts." Through the use of documentary reporting and animated cartoons, viewers visit neighborhood health centers, group practices, extended care facilities, hospitals and private nursing homes. Will learn about home care, assistant doctors, health planning and health maintenance organizations.

These three films are available free on loan. Requests for playdates should be sent to Modern Talking Picture Service, 2233 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040.



25-Year Award

Billy Spruell was recently given special recognition by the East Moss Point Church for 25 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Mr. Spruell said, "Once while I was in service I had to get a Jewish Rabbi to teach me the lesson." The twenty-five year pen was presented to Mr. Spruell by Rev. Jerry K. Scott, pastor of the church. Mr. Spruell now serves as Sunday School director of the East Moss Point Church. He is employed at Standard Oil Company Refinery as purchase agent, and is married to the former Violet Grant. They have two daughters, Lynn and Karen.

POWERLINE

LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

God Appeals To Us

Dear POWERLINE:

Some friends told me there is no use in living, that the world is a bummer and we are all headed downhill for doom anyway, so why stick around? When I asked them if they believed in God, they said no and asked me the age-old question, "If there is a God, would He let the world remain in such a mess?" I said I couldn't explain it, and I know that sounded rather feeble. How can I convince them that the world has not been forsaken?

POWERLINE Answers:

You could have said that God certainly would let the world remain in such a mess — and does! He does because He loves His creatures, whom He created, enough to let them exercise their free will. He loves them enough to let them make mistakes. Parents do it for or to their small children regularly.

God could have made a world of automata, but then He would have had slaves, not sons and daughters. And God wants a family. He made us in His personality is the right to be free, to choose right or wrong, to rebel. God will not coerce us. He appeals to us!

Pain Of Losing Brother

Dear POWERLINE:

My brother was killed in Vietnam a year ago. I am 14 now, and while we were never "buddy - buddy" I did love him. Do you think the pain of losing a brother like this will ever go away or will I still cry 20 years from now when I think of him?

POWERLINE Answers:

Unfortunately, the pain of losing a loved one never goes away entirely. The psalmist felt the same kind of sorrow. Listen to what he wrote:

"O Lord, have mercy on me in my anguish. My eyes are red from weeping; my health is broken from sorrow. I am pining away with grief; my years are shortened, drained away because of sadness. My sins have sapped my strength. I sleep with sorrow and with shame."

But luckily, Jesus said something

to brighten our lives. He said, "I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like everyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish."

—Edited by Paul M. Stevens, Director Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission



Linn Burns Note

Linn Church (Sunflower) held a pastorum noteburning ceremony on December 24. On March 9, 1969, the church voted to borrow the money to build a four-bedroom, two-bath, living room, den, kitchen, carport and storage room brick home. The money was to be paid back over a five year period. "However, God blessed greatly and the note was paid in full on December 18, 1972," reports the pastor, Rev. Dale Wilson.

Pictured on the left is Lawrence Braswell, chairman of deacons, with A. F. Austin, church treasurer, on the right, as they burned the note.

Rev. Marvin Bibb, now of Vicksburg, was pastor when the home was built.

If it wasn't for marriage, husbands and wives would have to fight it out with strangers.

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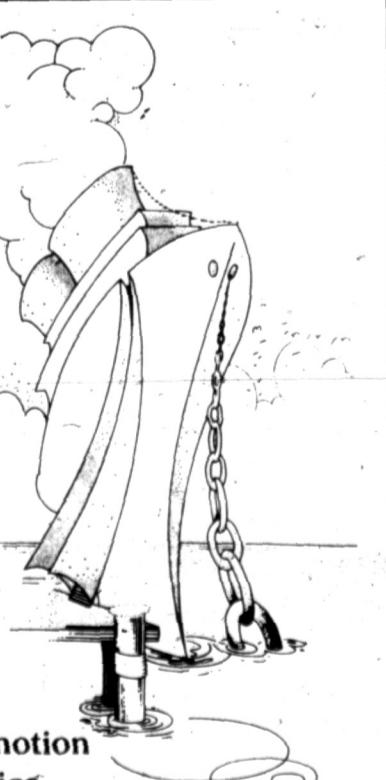
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Sunday School Lesson: International

Personal Accountability Before God

By Clifton J. Allen
Ezekiel 18

The Lesson Explained

RETRIBUTION FOR SIN IS PERSONAL (vv. 1-4)

A proverb common among the people of Israel was used by the people to excuse themselves from responsibility for the crisis in Judah. The suffering of the people and the doom of impending destruction made an almost hopeless situation. The people quoted the proverb about the fathers having eaten sour grapes with the result that the children's teeth were set on edge to explain their plight. The proverb was actually an alibi. The people were claiming that they were victims of the sins of their fathers and that they could do nothing to change their situation. They were blaming

God. Hence the proverb was cynical and pessimistic. But Ezekiel declared the truth that God would no longer tolerate the proverb. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" — the person who sins must stand for his own sin. Sin is personal, and retribution must also be personal.

BLAMING GOD IS USELESS (vv. 25-29)

The intervening paragraphs of the larger lesson passage are a succession of illustrations given by Ezekiel to clarify and emphasize the doctrine of individual responsibility for sin. Still the people argued, charging that "the way of the Lord is not equal" or not just. Even so, the people were to blame. The fault was not God's but theirs. And Ezekiel further illustrated the truth. If a righteous person turns to unrighteousness, he shall die for his own iniquity. If a wicked person turns from wickedness to righteousness he will save himself from the destruction of his own iniquity. This of course assumes that the turning from transgression is genuine. Guilt applied to the individual for his own sin. The same principle is as valid now as it was in the time of Ezekiel. God's ways are not unequal; his ways are always just. His knowledge of each person is perfect. He deals with each individual according to what is right.

THERE IS HOPE IN REPENTANCE (vv. 30-32)

The truth of personal accountability does not shut up the individual to hopeless condemnation. The Lord urges and commands repentance, calling upon people to turn away from all their transgressions lest they reap the consequences of righteous judgment. If one is willing to break with sin, showing godly sorrow for it and renouncing the way of

transgression and rebellion and wickedness, he will be putting himself in the position to receive the forgiveness of God. How inspiring the truth, a person is not chained to his past! Ezekiel sounds out over and over God's earnest plea to his people to turn from their wicked ways and live. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. "Make you a new heart and a new spirit" should not be interpreted to mean that man can do this alone. He must make the effort, which is really a response to God's offer to give a heart and a new spirit. God's grace and man's earnest response are blended into newness of life.

Truths to Live By

God will not accept alibis. — We are tempted to offer alibis for yielding to some besetting sin or falling a victim before some fierce temptation to do wrong. We are inclined to offer alibis for broken promises and neglected duties. We are tempted to offer alibis with respect to ugliness of disposition or some outburst of temper or some sharp and cutting response to another person. We are tempted to offer alibis for the neglect of worship, for lack of time given to prayer, for failure to try to win lost persons to faith in Christ, for not giving a proper proportion of our income, at least a tithe, to the work of the Lord, and for not responding to some opportunity to help another person who needs friendship or who needs some kind of assistance. But God will not accept alibis and excuses. He may discipline us severely. He will always do what is right. He is not mocked. As one sows, so shall he reap.

Grace and moral responsibility operate together. — There is no conflict between the wondrous grace of God and the moral accountability of the individual. God takes the initiative in revealing himself, in showing love, in impressing his will on the conscience of a person, and in offering the blessings of his presence and strength. But each person is morally responsible to be open to God's approaches and offered blessings, to be obedient to God's command, and to exert every capacity of moral and spiritual energy to do what is right in the sight of God. God offers grace, but a person is morally responsible for accepting or rejecting. There is nothing lacking on the part of God.

God's righteous ways should encourage repentance. — Behind God's righteous ways is the holiness of his being and the glory of his majesty. Yet, through he is transcendently great, he is concerned for every person in the world, including the wicked. His heart reaches out with strongest yearning to forgive freely all who will repent of sin.

Tylertown Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Mel C. Craft has accepted the call of the Tylertown Church, Tylertown, as pastor.

He is a native Mississippian; his boyhood home was Petal. His wife is the former Emmy Lou Mitchell of Picayune. They have two children — Craig, 11 and Rebecca, 8. A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he has served pastorates in Mississippi and Arizona. Prior to going to Tylertown he was pastor of McElwain Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

He recently was the keynote speaker at the first English-speaking evangelistic conference in Puerto Rico.

Men's Day at Friendship

Friendship Church, Pike Association, McComb, will observe Baptist Men's Day January 28. J. T. Marbury, dedicated Christian layman, will be guest speaker. Mr. Marbury is a traveling inspector for the Illinois Central Railroad. He makes his home in Jackson, and is a member of the Hillcrest Church, Native of McComb, he is a former member of East McComb Church.

The men of the church will be filling the choir and bringing the special music. Rev. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Deadline Near To Register For Senior Adult Cruise

NASHVILLE — February 10 is the registration deadline for the Senior Adult Workshop Cruise to Nassau and Freeport scheduled for April 13, 1973.

Senior adult workers, senior adults, husbands or wives of participants and church staff members interested in senior adult work are invited to go on the tour.

Adelle Carlson, consultant in adult work for the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, is cruise director.

The cruise will be aboard the "S. S. Emerald Seas," leaving out of Miami, Fla., at 4:45 p.m., April 9. The liner will serve as conference facility, hotel and restaurant during the week.

In the conferences, senior adult workers will discuss creative approaches to training for a church ministry with senior adults and others on the cruise will have studies in "Growing in Spiritual Maturity." There also will be time for all to share ideas and enjoy Christian fellowship.

Cost for the one week cruise is \$195 per person. To register, write to Adelle Carlson, Church Training Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Scholarship For Students Over The Age Of 30

A memorial scholarship has been established at Southwestern Seminary in honor of the late George W. Stuart, former BSSS superintendent of extension work, by Mrs. Stuart and son Mike. The new fund is designed to aid religious education students over age 30. Stuart himself, who received the ARO degree in 1951, was 36 years old when he surrendered to the call of the ministry and entered Southwestern Seminary.

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New Baptist Church In South Vietnam

This is the new building for the Baptist church in Quinhon, South Vietnam. The church has 25 members, with 40 persons enrolled in a Bible teaching program and 20 attending Bible study and prayer services Wednesday nights. Southern Baptist missionary Robert R. Compher is pastor. (Photo by Herman P. Hayes)

Automation is man's effort to make work so easy that women can do it all.

Some people never say anything bad about the dead, or anything good about the living.

Castles in the air are all right until you try to move into them.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Whom Do We Serve?

By Bill Duncan

Paul, the apostle, carried with him the role of a Christian as that of a servant whether they were ministers, lay people, teachers, or apostles. They were all the servants of the Lord. Paul started many of his dissertations by acknowledging that he was a servant of the Lord. The word that Paul used for servant in I Cor. 4, is a very interesting word. It originally meant a rower on the lower bank of a trireme, where the slaves pulled at the greeat sweeps which moved the trireme through the sea. Most of these persons who did such labor were men that were convicts or sometimes they would use the persons who had strong bodies but very weak minds.

Paul pictures the church of Jesus Christ as a great ship where Christ is the pilot who directs the course of the vessel and the persons who are followers of Jesus Christ as servants who accepted the orders from the pilot and labored only as the Master directed. The labor is that of hard strenuous pulling at the great sweeps carrying the church along. However, this is not all that Paul was able to see the church as being, but he did see the church as being the servant of Jesus Christ. The term was one of great humility.

Paul also saw the ministers of the church as stewards of the secrets which God decided to reveal to his church. The steward was the head - slave of a household. He was in charge of the whole administration of the house or the estate. He issued supplies and orders; he ran the household. This is really the same position that Joseph had when he was a steward in the household of Potiphar.

The head steward controlled the household, but himself was still a slave where the master was concerned. Whatever a man's position may be in the church, whatever power or influence he may yield, he still remains a servant of Jesus Christ.

One of the most important characteristics of a steward is that he must be very reliable. He was like a trustee in the sense that there was some spirit of independence and responsibility, but yet there was the very necessary obedience that must be carried out. Therefore, he should be to his master a very dependable, reliable person. In the church at Corinth, there were many different divisions. And the people were

looking at the leaders of the church in the wrong sense. Therefore, Paul was very quick to use Apollos and himself as examples of how God looked upon the people.

There are three judgments that every man must face.

(1) He must face the judgment of man. Many people would say this judgment doesn't count. There is a sense in which a man cannot worry about the opinion of his fellow man. Yet sometimes the judgment of our fellow man is correct. Most people admire honesty, reliability, sacrifice, generosity, and love. And most people do not admire dishonesty. It is quite true that we should never let the judgment of man deflect us from what we believe to be right. There is also the truth that the judgment of men can be correct because they see things through different eyes from ours.

(2) Every man must face the judgment of his own conscience. So many people look at their own selfish ways and judge themselves by self-satisfaction, self-righteousness, pride, and conceit. But, in a very real sense, every man has his own conscience and he must face his own judgment. The one person a man cannot get away from is himself. He must live with himself and if he loses his own self-respect, he cannot look himself in the eye without guilt.

(3) He must face the judgment of God. In the last analysis, this is the greatest and best judgment. Man only looks on the outward side and one can disregard his conscience, but man can never escape the judgment day of the Lord. God's judgment is the greatest because He knows all circumstances and He knows the real motive of each man. We do not understand sometimes the struggles a person goes through. He knows when a person might have been for better or for worse because he knows all the facts. People do not know why we do the things we do, but God judges everything in light of the motive.

Many a deed which looks good has a bad motive behind it. We need to be careful in how we judge people and we also, at the same time, need to know that we are being judged by our divine Lord.

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Evangelism: The Power

By Roy Collum, Secretary, Department of Evangelism, MBCB
 Someone has well said that motivation comes from three sources: fear, incentive, and inspiration. There is no doubt that each of these constitutes a powerful force in the life of mankind today. Ultimately, fear can be overcome, and the law of diminishing returns can minimize the effect of incentive, which constantly asks, "What's in it for me?" The continuity of inspiration, however, can be assured according to the longevity of its source.

In the life of the Christian, inspiration is unlimited in its power and eternal in its duration, because it simply means "God breathing into." As long as God lives, His Holy Spirit will continue to move in and through the life of the believer.

The effect of divine inspiration is to make the life of Christ real and powerful in the life of the child of God. The inevitable result is to make the Christian more like Jesus. This is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the child of God is not to be found in emotional outbursts, wild exultations, or the muttering of an "unknown tongue." When the Lord Jesus can be clearly seen in a man's life, the presence of the Holy Spirit is clearly demonstrated. The life of the Holy Spirit is the life of Jesus. He works out in us what Christ has worked out on the cross for us.

As the life of Jesus is made real in the life of the Christian, a Christ-like compassion for the lost develops. The inspired believer, responding to outpouring of the love of Christ into his life, becomes a channel through which the life and love of Christ flow outward to those who "walk in darkness." Love is irresistible. The love God in Christ is the power to send the "laborer into the harvest," and the power to break down the barriers in the life of the lost.

"God giveth the increase."

More Church-Going In Monroe County

By Charles L. Hamilton, Aberdeen

More people worship in Monroe County churches than did 40 years ago; the churches have more members and give many times as much as they did then. This was discovered after visiting 100 churches in which Monroe County white people worship, missing only a few and returning to 31 more than once. In 1937 we made a map of Monroe County churches, which then numbered 74, and we visited most of them then. We hear rumors of decline in churches in some sections but the opposite is manifest here.

We worshipped in 50 Baptist churches, of which 34 are affiliated with the state convention; the others are Freewill, Missionary, or Primitive. Also visited were 22 Methodist churches, 8 Churches of Christ, and 17 of eleven other varieties. Monroe County had a majority of Methodists until recent years, when Baptists have tripled in membership. Most of the churches are in the open country, although 13 are in the towns. No one is far from a church. Mississippi has the most churches per capita of any state and Monroe fits into the picture.

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Baptist Young Women of Lee Association, top photo, planned and taught a Bible school, bottom photo, for children of workers at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show at Tupelo last fall.

*Young Women In Tupelo Witness
To Children At The Fairgrounds*

"How thankful we are for the July 1971 and the August 1972 issues of CONTEMPO! Our minds and hearts were challenged to avoid further delay as we read the accounts of fairgrounds mission action in Laurel, Mississippi, and Florence, Alabama," states Mrs. Bobby Smith, Baptist Young Women Director for Lee Association, Tupelo.

"The annual Mississippi - Alabama Fair and Dairy Show in September became the primary concern of three BYW organizations, as we felt the need for witnessing of God's love to the fair workers.

"After prayerful consideration, we decided to plan a Bible School for the children of the workers. In August the associational W. M. U. leaders and members of the BYW organizations began their planning. How inadequate we felt as activities, Bible stories, songs, etc., were planned! We did not know the ages of the children involved or how many would participate. Each BYW would readily admit they need for our completely being 'clay in the potter's hands'!"

When the name of the manager of the show was obtained, plans were made to see him as soon as he arrived in town, several days ahead of the

workers. The associational superintendent of missions and BYW director made the first contact with the manager. They were told to come back on Monday, since the majority of the workers would be there in preparation for the fair to open on Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon several of the BYW members went to the fairground to meet the parents and to enlist the children. They knocked on many trailer doors and talked to people as they worked on their tents, booths, machinery, etc. There were no definite commitments from anyone to attend the Bible School. All of the BYW were anxious for Tuesday to arrive. At 11:15 a.m. on that day they were at the designated trailer to pick up the children. No one came! They knocked on more doors, talked to more parents, encountered more watch dogs, and asked more children to come.

"The devil was working as intently as ever!" says Mrs. Smith.

"Wednesday we went back, full of anticipation. Still no children came! We were very discouraged — 'Oh, BYW of little faith.' But we were determined to witness to these boys and girls. More contacts were made as we promised to return the next day."

Finally success on Thursday. Four children rode the bus back to Bissell Church with the workers. They fed them lunch, let them make things to carry home, and taught them Bible stories and songs. Also, since some of them had never been in a church, the young women took them into the sanctuary and explained what took place there. The bus arrived at the fairgrounds by 2:00 p.m.

The Bible School continued through Saturday. There were six children each day to nine who attended. On Saturday each child was given a special gift — his own personal copy of GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN. The BYW also distributed other copies to the parents and any interested person at the fairgrounds.

"What an experience to see a teenage boy enthusiastically flipping through his copy of GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN as he waited for customers at his gambling booth," recalls Mrs. Smith.

"We feel as though, just by our presence, we were being witnesses to these people. To let them know someone cared about them and their children made an impression. One cannot adequately express the sense of fulfillment which came to each of us; the profound need of others was so keenly felt. We plan to have the Bible School at the fairgrounds next year, believing that we can have more children, especially those who are rather shy around total strangers. We pray that we have laid the groundwork for further Bible Schools with these children."

Off The Record

When friends commented on how tired she looked, an Austin, Texas, woman said that her 17-year-old daughter had gotten married and she had just returned from driving the newlyweds to San Antonio for their honeymoon.

"They were just too young to drive," she explained. —AP

A few days before our wedding my fiance and I called on our parish priest. In the course of the conversation, which was serious at first but drifted to lighter topics, the priest commented on the number of good-looking girls in the parish.

"Father," I said, "you surprise me."

"Why?" he asked. "Just because I'm on a diet doesn't mean I can't look at a menu." —L. J.

About all that man has learned in the past 25 years is how to go faster, work less, spend more, and die quicker.

North Carrollton Calls Pastor

North Carrollton Church, Carroll Association, has recently called Rev. Robert A. Hutcherson as pastor. Mr. Hutcherson came from First Church, Franklin, Texas.

While pastor at Franklin, Mr. Hutcherson was active in denominational work. He served as moderator of Robertson County Association and as crusade coordinator for the 1971 Robison Encounter Crusade.

He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, Aquila, Tex. A native of Brookhaven, he is married to the former Mary Davis of Monticello. They are parents of two daughters, Cindy, 9 and Suzanne, 4.

Mr. Hutcherson is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary. He is also a graduate of the US Army Chaplain School and has done advanced work there. He is a veteran and a chaplain in the Army Reserve.

1st, Jackson, Calls Education Minister

David T. Roddy, now on the staff of Second Church, Memphis, will become minister of education at First Church, Jackson, on February 1, it is announced by Dr. Larry Rohrman, pastor.

Mr. Roddy, a native Kentuckian, graduated from Georgetown University and Southwestern Seminary.

He served churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, and Ohio prior to going to the Memphis church in 1965. In Dayton, Ohio, he assisted in development of numerous churches in that pioneer Southern Baptist area from his position with Westwood Church.

In Tennessee he has been adult Sunday School consultant for the statewide work, and president of the Tennessee Baptist Library Convention. He taught the International Sunday School Lesson over radio stations in Dayton for more than four years.

Mrs. Roddy is the former Margie Hudson of Lebanon, Tenn., an organist and music teacher. The couple's children are Stephen, 19, University freshman; Ann Elizabeth, 17, high school senior; and Marshall David, 13, junior high.

Called To Yale Street

Rev. Bobby F. Walton, pastor of Arkabutla Church for the past six years, has resigned to accept the call of Yale Street Church, Cleveland.

While at Arkabutla, he served as moderator and state board member of the Tate Association, president of the Tate Baptist Ministerial Association and was recently elected trustee of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He also took an active role in the Northwest Tate Development Association, an organization to develop the Arkabutla Community.

A native of Tillatoba, he is a graduate of Oakland High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Virginia Shields of Batesville; and they are the parents of three sons, Al, Andrew and Terry.



OVER THE TOP . . . Echu Church (Pontotoc Association) set a goal of \$1450.00 for the Lottie Moon Offering. On December 10, a total of \$1621.92 was given that day. The total offering was \$1717.57. On the left is Rev. E. S. Hall (retired), interim pastor; on right is Dr. Lester C. Willis, chairman of deacons.

Many Over Lottie Moon Goals**Mt. Pleasant More Than Doubles Goal**

Rev. R. G. (Butch) Kirkland of Mt. Pleasant Church, Lincoln County, looks at the display that the WMU arranged for their Lottie Moon Offering emphasis. A goal of \$500 was set. "The total amount given was \$128," reports Mrs. J. P. Moak, WMU director.

**Calvary Over Goal**

Calvary Church, West Point, went over its Lottie Moon Offering Goal by \$400. The observance was made churchwide with two Adult Departments entering into some "friendly" competition. The Department which gave the most was served a supper by the other Department.

A thirteen-foot solid white tree was spotlighted at the front of the church and each time \$10 was given, a large gold ball was placed on the tree.

The church goal was \$1000.00 but over \$1400.00 was given.

W. M. U. Director is Mrs. Thomas Pearson and the pastor is Rev. Lyndon Younger.

First, Pontotoc

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at First, Pontotoc, (Dr. Levon Moore, pastor) reached \$4,167.85. This exceeded the goal by about \$800.

First, Kosciusko

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at First, Kosciusko (Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor) was greater than ever before. The goal was \$2,750. The offering on January 3 had reached \$7,082.90!!

God looks not to the quantity of the gift but to the quality of the giver.

It's not the load that breaks you down; it's the way you carry it.